

Application No.: 10/065,761

Docket No.: JCLA8016

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully submit that the Reasons for Allowance in the Notice of Allowance dated May 23, 2005 do not match the claim amendments of May 4, 2005.

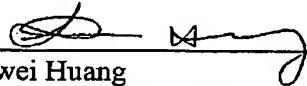
It is stated in the Reasons for Allowance (Page 2) of the Notice of Allowance that "*the prior arts fail to ... shooting a programming voltage that is increasing upwards stepwise each time into the gate of the multi-level flash memory, and following,*". However, the phrase "*that is increasing upwards stepwise each time into the gate of the multi-level flash memory*" has been deleted from claims 1 and 3 in the amendments filed on May 4, 2005.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully request to place this response in the record, so that the scope of the claims will not be limited by the above statement of the Reasons for Allowance.

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